

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 16 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Four corners elements 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d of cassette 100 are preferably comprised of an opaque polymer material which provides light blockage and absorbs impact energy in the event of an accidental drop or abuse of cassette 100 during usage. Two of the corner elements (4a, 4b) incorporate features to position and move a movable access member 16 (best shown in Figures 7 and 10) incorporated in side 2 for the flexible storage medium insertion and extraction. As such, movable access member 16 acts as a door, cover, or shutter to allow insertion and extraction of the medium into/from cassette 100. Figure 7 shows movable access member 16 disposed in an open position for insertion/extraction of the medium, while Figure 10 shows movable access member 16 disposed in a closed position.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 26 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Movable access member 16 of the cassette 100 can be actuated by means of an ~~access~~ actuation member 18, shown in Figure 3 as an opening/slot. As shown, ~~access~~ actuation member 18 is formed in a drive piston 20 which slides relative to one of the sides, shown in the figures as side 1c, wherein in a preferred arrangement, drive piston 20 is disposed within/inside side 1c.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 31 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The reader can include a rigid feature such as a pin. In the present invention, a single such rigid feature can be employed to unlatch cassette 100, open the door (access member 16) to the cassette, and actuate a translation member as further described below. More particularly, the rigid feature of the reader (not shown), such as a pin, is inserted into ~~access~~ actuation member 18 to release a spring loaded hook/pawl 22 (best shown in Fig. 4) attached to drive

piston 20. The drive piston 20 and pawl 22 are preferably located within a hollow channel of side 1c. Within drive piston 20, spring loaded pawl 22 pivots on a pin, causing it to disengage a catch pin 24 in side 1c of the cassette (refer to Figure 5).

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

16 movable access member

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 9 with the following rewritten paragraph:

18 actuation ~~access~~ member